BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE STATE OF NEBRASKA

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE)	DAIRY CATTLE IMPORT ORDER
STATE OFFICE BUILDING)	
301 CENTENNIAL MALL SOUTH)	
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Over the past two (2) years, the occurrence of tuberculosis (TB) in dairy cattle has been increasing. This increase has caused several states to lose their accredited free TB status and cost those states millions of dollars in testing costs and decreased marketing opportunities. This Order is being issued to protect the Nebraska dairy and beef industries from these concerns.

Pursuant to the authority of <u>Neb</u>. <u>Rev</u>. <u>Stat</u>. §54-701, this Order is issued this 4th day of June, 2004, for the purpose of taking immediate action to protect the health status of Nebraska's dairy and beef cattle industry.

ORDER:

This Order is in addition to requirements found in the current Animal Importation Regulations (23 NAC Chapter 2).

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

All sexually-intact dairy animals shall meet the following requirements before being imported into Nebraska:

1. Dairy animals shall be individually identified with United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Animal Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), Veterinary Services (VS) approved individual identification, obtain a pre-entry permit prior to entry into Nebraska, and this pre-entry permit number shall be listed on the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI); and

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- 2. Dairy animals less than six months of age shall be quarantined to their Nebraska destination and tested negative to an official tuberculosis test within 60 days after reaching six months of age. These animals shall remain at the Nebraska destination and not be removed from this premises without the approval of the Nebraska Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Animal Industry; or
- 3. Dairy animals six months of age or older shall be tested and found negative to an official tuberculin test within 60 days prior to entry into Nebraska.

This Order is effective immediately and shall remain in effect until notice is given by the Nebraska Department of Agriculture. Exception of this Order will only be by approval of the State Veterinarian upon epidemiological evaluation and risk determination.

Dated this 4th day of June, 2004.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Long Avillians

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